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TAGS: OVIP (HIGGINS, TERENCE, MP), UK

SUBJECT: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

A1. TERENCE HIGGINS' CONSERVATIVE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, FRONT BENCH OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN ON TRADE, AND FORMERLY JUNIOR TREASURY MINISTER IN HEATH GOVERNMENT, WILL BE VISITING IN WASHINGTON ON MONDAY, JULY 21 AND TUESDAY, JULY 22. HE IS PRIMARILY IN WASHINGTON TO VISIT OLD FRIENDS' ENROUTE TO VACATION IN CALIFORNIA. AT FINANCIAL ATTACHE'S SUGGESTION, HE INDICATES WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH PRINCIPAL U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT FOLLOW THE MAIN AREAS OF HIS OWN INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY WHICH INCLUDE TRADE, TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, COMMODITIES, AND CIVIL AVIATION AND IATA, PROVIDED THAT THE TALKS CAN BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL, OF A TECHNICAL AND SUBSTANTIVE NATURE RATHER THAN A GENERAL DISCUSSION. HE IS INTERESTED IN KNOWING THE MAIN THRUST OF U.S. VIEWS ON THESE SUBJECTS AS WELL AS HEARING U.S. GOVERNMENT OPINIONS ON AREAS WHERE U.S. AND U.K. POSITIONS DIFFER OR ARE LIKELY TO COME INTO CONFLICT. AS THE MAIN OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN IN PARLIAMENT IN THESE AREAS, AND MEMBER OF SHADOW CABINET, HIGGINS IS KNOWLEDGEABLE AND INFLUENTIAL. HE IS FRIENDLY TOWARDS U.S., FORMERLY TAUGHT ECONOMICS AT YALE AND OVER THE YEARS HAS SHOWN MANY COURTESIES TO EMBASSY OFFICERS

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AND U.S. TREASURY OFFICIALS.

2. EMBASSY SUGGESTED HIGGINS SHOULD VISIT STR; FAA (HE HAS MET CHARLES CARY, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR), TREASURY (WHERE HE WOULD APPRECIATE A BRIEF RUNDOWN ON OUTLOOK FOR U.S. ECONOMY) AND STATE DEPARTMENT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR HIGGINS ASAP FOR MONDAY, JULY 21 AND MORNING OF TUESDAY, JULY 22. HE LEAVES TUESDAY AFTERNOON FOR CALIFORNIA.

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